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L. Dr. Fitus (Caius) Frantescu, Chargé d'Affaires of the Rumanian Legation in Cairo, sent invitations from the Rumanian Consulate in Alexandria to all members of the Rumanian colony in that city to register at the Consulate. Registration consisted of answering a list of thirty-eight questions, which would be returned to Rumania.

2. After reading the list of questions, about 85 percent of the Rumanians refused to complete it, source states. They believed that the document could be used against them or their families by the Rumanian Government, and they expressed a desire to stay as political refugees in preference to declaring allegiance to the present Rumanian Government. However, about sixty Rumanian Jews did register. According to source, the following were "particularly enthusiastic" registrants:

> Dr. H. Schlesinger, 1 rue Nabil Daniel, Alexandria. His son was interned by the Egyptian Government as a Communist propagandist.

Jean Zukermann, 305 rue Fuad I, Cleopatra, Alexandria. He is a dentist by profession. His brother, also a dentist, was interned as a Communist propagandist. Another brother, also a Communist, is a Rumanian official, source states. Zukermann was accompanied by his son, Charles Jean Zukermann.

- T. L. Canton, owner of a photographic shop, Studio d'Art, 24 Saud Zaghul Boulevard. He was accompanied by his son, who wishes to volunteer for the Rumanian Army.
- The Bulgarian Legation in Cairo has announced in the press that all Bulgarian citizens in Egypt must register. For the purpose of registration, a questionnaire has been prepared. Conment. The questionnaire is identical with the one used by the Rumanians, except for the substitution of "Bulgaria" for "Rumania.") Source states that about 35 percent of the Bulgarians, also, refused to complete the form.

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the Bulgarian Jews in Egypt appeared eager to regis-Some of the more prominent Bulgarian Jewish registrants in Alexandria were as follows:

Dr. Asriel Chapatov, a physician at the Jewish Hospital in Alexandria. He has a private clinic at 11 rue Fuad.

Dr. Henri Tadjer, 10 : ne Nabil Daniel; a Communist sympathizer.

Esrah and Benjamin Esrah, owners of a soap factory at 19 rue de France.

Moshonov (fmu), and son, Boris Moshonov, co-owners of the Societé des Avances Commerciales which was sequestered by the government.

Colm (fmm), manager of the Kabo Textile Factory. His father is in Bulgaria.

Dr. Doitche Chulev, I rue Antoniadis, a surgeon. Chulev's brother is in Bulgaria and is employed by the Bulgarian Government.

